

## FINAL REPORT

State: Louisiana

Project Number: T-035

Project Title: Native Warm Season Grass Drills

Period Covered: July 1, 2006- June 30, 2007

Project Objective: Increase use of native grasses and forbs in conservation plantings by making grass drills available to landowners/managers.

### Project Abstract

Lack of the specialized equipment in Louisiana needed to plant native warm season grasses (NWSG) has been identified as one of the barriers to their use and acceptance. NWSG drills will be purchased and made available for use by public and private land managers to establish native vegetation.

- A. Activity: Three NWSG drills (Truax FLEXII-88) and trailers (Donahue 614ST) were purchased. An MOU that established procedures for renting drills to land managers was developed and signed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Louisiana Association of RC&D Councils, and the LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The drills were made available for rental in April, 2007. During the spring of 2007, numerous inquiries were received regarding use of the drills. However, due to drought the previous summer in the regions of the country that produce much of the commercially available native seed, seed supplies were low. Many land managers planning to plant native grasses and forbs in 2007 were unable to purchase seed. Nevertheless, the drills were used by 6 land managers to plant 7 tracts during April and May of 2007.
- B. Target Date for Achievement: June 30, 2007
- C. Date Accomplished: June 30, 2007

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This grant was closed on 30 November 2007.

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